HOBBES  
VS.  
LOCKE

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SOCIAL  
CONTRACT

Social Contract

1. What is the origin of government?
2. How much authority should the state have over the individual?

Thomas Hobbes

LEVIATHAN (1651)
Defense of Philosophical Absolutism
LEVIATHAN

STATE OF NATURE

STATE OF WAR
War of all against all

STATE OF WAR
bellum omnium contra omnes

THOMAS HOBBES – “LIFE IN THE STATE OF NATURE IS SHORT NASTY AND BRUTISH

SOLITARY POOR NASTY BRUTISH SHORT

This is Rickey’s little pony
BEHOLD, THE HOPE OF HIM IS IN VAIN:
SHALL NOT ONE BE CAST DOWN EVEN AT THE SIGHT OF HIM?
NONE IS SO FIERCE THAT DARE STIR HIM UP:
WHO THEN IS ABLE TO STAND BEFORE ME?

OUT OF HIS MOUTH GO BURNING LAMPS, AND SPARKS OF FIRE LEAP OUT.
OUT OF HIS NOSTRILS GOETH SMOKE, AS OUT OF A SEETHING POT OR CALDRON.

HIS HEART IS AS FIRM AS A STONE...
A ruler should be powerful enough to be beyond challenge.

Hobbes wrote *Leviathan* in the midst of the English Civil War.
John Locke
Two Treatises of Government (1689)
Defense of Constitutionalism

State of Nature

Life
Liberty
Property

John Locke - Natural Rights and Limited Government

Locke's Social Contract
1. People agree to obey and follow the ruler
2. Ruler agrees to protect the people and their natural rights
3. If the ruler abuses the people -> he has broken the agreement contract -> he can be legitimately replace

- Locke provides legal/philosophical justification for revolution
THE LIMITS OF ABSOLUTISM
- Absolute monarchs were not able to establish absolute power
- Local power was still mostly in the hands of the nobles
- Landowning aristocracy was immensely powerful - they limited what monarchs could do

BACKDROP
GLORIOUS AND [ALMOST] BLOODLESS REVOLUTION

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